

own, compressing it into one of his most effective phrases, ' *Never complain and never explain.*'

To Sarah Disraeli.

Feb. 20, 1835.

About last night's debate [on the election of the Speaker], Peel did not speak well; Stanley with great point and power. . . . O'Connell is so powerful that he says he will be in the Cabinet. How can the Whigs submit to this ? It is the Irish Catholic Party that has done all the mischief.

Feb. 26.

Here there is only one topic, the division on the Address. Peel made a powerful speech; Stanley constrained and qualifying. His way is evidently not clear ; I cannot understand the game he is playing. On the Speakership he had no party. Now fifty men meet at his house every morning. Lyndhurst squabashed Brougham on Tuesday.

April 1.

I do not doubt myself that the Government will be in a minority on the present question, but this is not the cause of the *malaise* of the Tories. The fact is, their chief is worried by his wife, and she is nervous lest he should fight and all that. There is no more reason now that the Tories should go out than two months ago, and I cannot help believing that they will not. On Sunday I dined at the Chancellor's, and ever since I have had a severe cold and been nowhere.

April 4.

I have not seen the Chancellor since Thursday. Peel is much fatter and the King quite so, but his Majesty cannot sleep. The decisive battle is to be fought on the Irish Tithe S¹! 'rt^D1 Til¹*?* VTM! Ever⁷body has got the influenza? S JS? Cha[^]ellor H⁸*ad an attack; and, as you rightly vX[^]' ^yself, though mine was much modified to former

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¹ *Letters*, pp. 90-92,

